

SS In-Touch – September

A school counselor's brief from the Indiana Department of Education

Two New Professional Development Opportunities are being offered this fall from the Indiana School Counselor Association and Indiana Counseling Association:

- **ISCA's Elementary School Counselor Retreat returns** - from September 30-October 1st (Sunday midday through Monday midday) at Fatima Retreat Center in Indianapolis. Registration is NOW open at <http://isca-in.org/>
- **ICA is offering your choice of two full-day workshops** on October 5th at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis on "Domestic Violence & Clinical Interventions" and "Foundations of Play Therapy." Register at www.indianacounseling.org

Other Important Fall Workshops:

- School Counselor Regional Workshops - www.doe.state.in.us/scworkshops
- SSACI Financial Aid Workshops – Register and get a detailed agenda at <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/counselorinformation/2007RegForm.html>
- ACT Fall Educator Workshops – THIS WEEK ONLY – Includes an afternoon WorkKeys Training - <http://www.act.org/ew/regist.html>
- College Board Fall Workshops - www.collegeboard.com/meetings (choose "Fall Counselor Workshop").
- Gaylon Nettle's State Attendance Workshops - <http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/sao-workshops07.html>

Support During ISTEP+/GQE – IDOE school counselor consultants can give you a hand if you need help boxing ISTEP+ booklets, proctoring an exam or other tasks during the two week ISTEP+ period. Reply to this e-mail and let us know what morning or afternoon you would like us to help out.

Indiana University High School now offers three Advanced Placement courses including AP English Language and Composition, AP US History and AP Chemistry. Lab components have been added to IUHS physics courses, Science 41P and 42P, and soon, all IUHS science courses will include labs. Find more at <http://scs.indiana.edu> or contact Bruce Colston at 800.334.1011 or scs@indiana.edu

KeyTrain licenses – remember that these licenses to use KeyTrain, to help students prepare for the ACT's WorkKeys assessments, are free of charge to Indiana high schools that request them (while they last). And the licenses may be used all school year. To get a free license for KeyTrain, contact Martha Finch-Anderson at mfinch-anderson@dwd.IN.gov

Indiana School Counselor Contact Information – Don't forget to enter your contact information for 07-08 online at www.doe.state.in.us/counselorsurvey (even if it hasn't changed). Your contact information ensures that you're connected throughout this school year. Deadline is October 1st.

07-08 School Counselor Calendar – Find the dates of many school counselor-related workshops, conference and events by downloading a copy of the state 07-08 School Counselor Calendar at www.doe.state.in.us/schoolcounseling under "Hot Topics."

E-Transcripts Update – A few items to note about e-Transcripts

- Indiana seniors can now send their e-Transcripts FREE to ANY college in the country – there is no longer a \$5 out-of-state charge,
- Work is being done to make the electronic Secondary School Report (eSSR) easier to use – more details coming soon,
- eSSR's are currently only available in Indiana but there are future plans to make it nationwide,
- If you would like e-Transcript or eSSR training, send an e-mail to schoolservices@docufide.com

Garfield License Plates – Sales of the Education License Plate continue to support Indiana elementary school counselor positions. Sales of the plate are very low this year. ISCA and the IDOE are encouraging counselors to contact your local license branch and ask them to display the plate and mentioning how it helps Indiana students. If you would like a letter explaining how the Garfield plate grant works, contact Jenny Doyel at: doyelj@vcsc.k12.in.us

Fall Conference Links

- ISCA Fall Conference - http://isca-in.org/fall_conf_2006.htm
- ICA – October workshops - <http://www.indianacounseling.org/>
- IACAC Fall Congress - <http://www.iacac.net/Professional%20Development/professional%20development.html>
- IPCN Access to Success Conference - <http://www.inpathways.net/conf07.htm>

Resources

Colleges That Change Lives will hold an Information Session and College Fair at the Marriott Indianapolis North on Monday evening, September 10th in Indianapolis. For details, go to <http://www.ctcl.com/events/indianapolis.htm>

Resources for First Generation Students – Find an excellent website for first-generation students and their families at <http://www.firstinthefamily.org>. Next Generation Press is also offering a complimentary copy of First in the Family: Advice About College from First Generation Students. To request a copy, send an e-mail to info@nextgenerationpress.org and include your name and mailing address.

The Indiana 2007 Young Playmakers Challenge - middle school classrooms across Indiana are being asked to organize a community project in their neighborhood. Toward the end of the semester, one classroom will be chosen to receive a visit from the Colts on December 11, 2007. In addition, the teacher and principal from the winning classroom will each receive two (2) tickets to a Colts home game in December 2007, compliments of American Family Insurance.

For details, go to <http://www.colts.com/> and look under the “Colts Programs” menu for a link to the Young Playmakers Challenge webpage.

Sign up for SS InTouch at <http://listserv.doe.state.in.us/mailman/listinfo/intouch>

Find archived editions of SS InTouch at www.doe.state.in.us/schoolcounseling under “Resources”

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